

# 2009 HUMAN RIGHTS LAW & POLICY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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I WILL ATTEND "Refugee Protection around the World: Durable Solutions or Durable Suffering?"

\$150 (general)  
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Registration fee includes materials and a boxed lunch.

Don't miss this opportunity to discuss important refugee protection issues with international, national and local experts!

**2009 Human Rights Law & Policy Conference**  
 "Refugee Protection around the World: Durable Solutions or Durable Suffering?"  
 Monday, June 22, 2009  
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# Refugee Protection Around the World: Durable Solutions or Durable Suffering?

Monday, June 22, 2009  
 Dorsey & Whitney, LLP  
 50 South Sixth Street  
 15th Floor  
 Minneapolis, MN

"A lasting solution, the possibility to begin a new life, is the only dignified solution for the refugee himself."

~ Poul Hartling,  
 UN High Commissioner for Refugees,  
 1978-1985

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## Refugee Protection around the World: Durable Solutions or Durable Suffering?

### Conference Overview

The Advocates for Human Rights will host the seventh annual human rights law and policy conference, **Refugee Protection around the World: Durable Solutions or Durable Suffering?** The conference will bring together international, national, and local experts and advocates to examine the current refugee protection system, its shortcomings, and durable solutions. Morning session topics will include international refugee law, refugee protection “outsourcing,” refugee “warehousing,” local integration, internally displaced persons (IDPs), forced repatriation, and refugee resettlement.

Afternoon interactive working sessions will examine two refugee case studies (Sudan and Liberia) and discuss viable strategies for implementing durable solutions. The afternoon plenary session will bring the two working sessions back together to discuss the common areas and approaches identified by each group and ideas for action to mobilize the local, national and international communities for change.

### Conference Faculty



**Jennifer Prestholdt**  
Deputy Director  
The Advocates for Human Rights



**Dr. Sima Samar**  
Chairperson  
Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission and  
United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Sudan



**Michele Garnett McKenzie**  
Director of Advocacy  
The Advocates for Human Rights



**Jessica Eby**  
Protection Officer  
Immigration and Refugee Program,  
Church World Service



**Bradley H. Lehrman**  
Attorney  
Lommen Abdo Cole  
King & Stageberg P.A.



**Colleen Beebe**  
Director of Education  
The Advocates for Human Rights



**Mark Hetfield**  
Senior Vice President  
for Policy and Programs  
Hebrew Immigrant Aid  
Society (HIAS)



**Ellen Kennedy**  
Interim Director  
Center for Holocaust  
& Genocide Studies



**Laura Young**  
Staff Attorney  
The Advocates for Human Rights



**Michael Barringer-Mills**  
Field Support Manager  
American Refugee Committee



**Ahmed K. Sirleaf II**  
Program Associate  
The Advocates for Human Rights

### Conference Sponsors

### AGENDA

Monday, June 22, 2009

8:30 ~ 9:00	Registration	
9:00 ~ 9:15	Welcome	
9:15 ~ 9:30	Plenary I	<b>International Refugee Law: An Overview</b> COLLEEN BEEBE, <i>Director of Education</i> , The Advocates for Human Rights
9:30 ~ 9:45	Plenary II	<b>The Refugee Journey: A Personal Story</b> AHMED SIRLEAF, <i>Program Associate</i> , The Advocates for Human Rights
9:45 ~ 10:00	Break	
10:00 ~ 12:00	Panel	<b>The Refugee Journey: Pitfalls, Protection, Prevention</b> Panelists will discuss refugee protection “outsourcing,” refugee “warehousing,” local integration, internally displaced persons, forced repatriation, and refugee resettlement. Moderator: MICHELE GARNETT MCKENZIE, <i>Director of Advocacy</i> , The Advocates for Human Rights Panelists: JESSICA EBY, <i>Protection Officer</i> , Immigration and Refugee Program, Church World Service MICHAEL BARRINGER-MILLS, <i>Field Support Manager</i> , American Refugee Committee JENNIFER PRESTHOLDT, <i>Deputy Director</i> , The Advocates for Human Rights MARK HETFIELD, <i>Senior Vice President for Policy and Programs</i> , Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)
12:00 ~ 12:45	Lunch	
12:45 ~ 1:30	Plenary III	<b>Prevention and Protection: Lessons from Sudan</b> DR. SIMA SAMAR, <i>Chairperson</i> , Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission and <i>United Nations Special Rapporteur</i> on the situation of human rights in Sudan
1:30 ~ 2:00	Plenary IV	<b>Refugee Protection Mechanisms: An Overview</b> JENNIFER PRESTHOLDT, <i>Deputy Director</i> , The Advocates for Human Rights
2:00 ~ 2:15	Break	
2:15 ~ 3:30	Workshops	<b>Strategies for Developing Durable Solutions</b> <b>Workshop 1: Liberia and Its Diaspora</b> Facilitator: LAURA YOUNG, <i>Staff Attorney</i> , The Advocates for Human Rights <b>Workshop 2: Sudan, Chad and Refugees from Darfur</b> Facilitators: ELLEN KENNEDY, <i>Interim Director</i> , Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies BRAD LEHRMAN, <i>Attorney</i> , Lommen Abdo Cole King Stageberg P.A.
3:30 ~ 4:45	Plenary V	<b>Mobilizing for Change</b> Facilitators: COLLEEN BEEBE, <i>Director of Education</i> , The Advocates for Human Rights ELLEN KENNEDY, <i>Interim Director</i> , Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies

### INFORMATION

Directions ~ Parking ~ Lodging

**DIRECTIONS:**  
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Take I-94 west to South 5th Street exit. Turn left onto Portland Ave. Proceed two blocks, turn right onto 7th Street. Follow 7th Street to Hennepin Avenue and turn right. Take a right onto South 6th Street. Enter parking garage for 50 South Sixth on the left.

**From the West**  
Take I-394 east to South 6th Street exit. Proceed three blocks. Enter parking garage for 50 South Sixth on the left.

From I-94, take the North 4th Street exit. Proceed to 1st Avenue North and turn right. Turn left on North 6th Street. Parking garage for 50 South Sixth is on the left.

**From the North**  
From I-35W, take Hwy. 280 to I-94 west to South 5th Street exit. Turn left onto Portland Ave. Proceed two blocks, turn right onto 7th Street. Follow 7th Street to Hennepin Avenue and turn right. Take a right onto South 6th Street. Enter parking garage for 50 South Sixth on the left.

**From the South**  
From I-35W, take the South 11th Street exit and proceed to Hennepin Avenue; turn right. Turn right again on South 6th Street. Enter parking garage for 50 South Sixth on the left.

**By Light Rail**  
It's a 25-minute light rail ride from the airport to downtown Minneapolis. Board the train at the airport or any point southeast of downtown Minneapolis. Disembark at the Nicollet Mall and 5th Street stop. Walk one short block west. The building entrance is on the corner of 6th and Nicollet.

**PARKING:**  
Parking is available on floors 4 through 8 only in the 50 South Sixth St. ramp. Take the parking elevator to the first floor, switch to the office elevators, and come to the 15th floor. For other parking options go to [www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org](http://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org).

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